

The Code of Ordinances for City of Gulf Shores, Alabama

Sec. 6-8. Animals on beach.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) below, it shall be unlawful for any person to take or allow a dog, cat, horse, or other pet or domestic or domesticated animal or livestock into or in any of the following areas of the city and its police jurisdiction.

(1) The public beach as defined in section 6-4(a) of this chapter;

(2) Any portion of the Gulf of Mexico and its tidal margin lying south of the mean high tide line bordering the corporate limits of the city and north of a line running parallel to the mean high tide line at a distance of four hundred (400) feet south of the mean high tide line;

(3) That portion of any property located in a BCR or BTL zone as delineated from time to time on the city zoning map lying seaward of the coastal construction setback line as fixed by the applicable ordinance of the city or by regulation of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, except any property in such zones improved only with a single family detached residential dwelling.

(b) (1) It shall not be unlawful to take or allow a dog, cat, horse, or other pet or domestic or domesticated animal or livestock into or in the rights of way or parking areas within the public beach as defined in section 6-4(a) of this chapter provided such animal is at all times contained entirely within a vehicle or vehicle trailer.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any trained guide dog when harnessed and in the custody of a totally or partially blind person or to any trained hearing dog when harnessed and in the custody of a hearing-impaired person.

(3) It shall not be unlawful to take or allow a dog into or in any portion of the area defined in section 6-8(a)(2) above which lies immediately south of any private Gulf front property then zoned R-1, R-1A, R-1B, or residential PUD under the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Gulf Shores if (i) the dog is at all times controlled by a suitable leash as required under section 5-26, and (ii) the person having actual custody of the dog has in his or her possession an appropriate container and an appropriate implement for the immediate removal and containment of any feces deposited by such dog.

(4) Nothing in this section 6-8 shall be construed to repeal any other provision of the Code of Ordinances regulating animals, including, without limitation, the provisions of Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances, and nothing in this section 6-8 shall be construed to make legal any act or omission to act otherwise made illegal or an offense or violation under any other provision of this Code of Ordinances or of any applicable state statute.

(c) Persons liable for violation of this section shall include the owner of the animal and any person having actual custody of the animal at the time of the violation.

(Ord. No. 61, §§ 1--4, 6-27-88; Ord. No. 525, §§ 2, 5, 2-11-91; Ord. No. 701, § 1, 4-28-97; Ord. No. 743, § 1, 2-9-98; Ord. No. 775, § 3, 3-8-99)